

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

~~1~~ (Amended) A print media tracking guide for providing positive tracking of print media passing through a printing apparatus, the print media tracking guide comprising:

a guide housing, the guide housing being mounted in a printing apparatus; and

an [armature] assembly rotatably coupled to the guide housing, the [armature] assembly including a head member selectively biased against the guide housing.

~~2~~ (Amended) The print media tracking guide according to claim 1, wherein the guide housing includes a core member and an overhanging support in a spaced relationship with one another, the core member and overhanging support being rigidly coupled to a flange portion.

92 4. (Amended) The print media tracking guide according to claim ³/~~1~~, wherein the [armature] assembly further includes a lever component for selectively biasing the head member against the guide housing.

95 ~~7~~ (Amended) A print media tracking guide for providing positive tracking of print media, the print media tracking guide comprising:
a guide housing including a central core member configured and dimensioned for mounting along a hub of a printing apparatus, the guide housing further

93 including an overhanging support wherein the core member and an overhanging support are in a spaced relationship with one another and define a print media transport path therebetween;

a flange projection coupled to the core member and overhang support;
and

an [armature] assembly rotatably coupled to the guide housing, the [armature] assembly including a roller head member and a lever component for selectively biasing the roller head member against the guide housing.

94 6/10. (Amended) The print media tracking guide according to claim 7, wherein the overhanging support further includes a slotted area for receiving print media therethrough.

95 13. (Amended) A method of providing positive [traction] tracking to print media, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a media tracking guide including a guide housing configured and dimensioned for mounting along a hub of a printing apparatus and an [armature] assembly rotatably coupled to the guide housing, the [armature] assembly including a head member selectively positionable against the guide housing;

mounting the media tracking guide [to] on the hub of the printing apparatus; [and]

loading print media through the media tracking guide~~[.]~~; and
positioning the head member against the housing.

14. (Amended) The method of providing positive [traction] tracking to print media according to claim 12, wherein the step of loading the print media through the media tracking guide further comprises inserting the print media between the head member of the [armature] assembly and the guide housing.

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2000. Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. The claims have been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the rejections contained in the Office Action. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. The claims have been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the rejection in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. §112. More specifically, claim 7 was amended to recite an "overhanging support" rather than an "overhang support". Claim 1 was amended to change the term from "armature" to "assembly". Also, claim 13 was amended to include the step of "positioning the head member against the housing" such that the claim is now more clearly directed to a method of providing positive tracking. Accordingly, reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.